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CLERK: 27 ayes, 5 nays.

PRESIDENT: The amendment carries.

CLERK: INAUDIBLE. Signed Senator Frank Lewis.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, probably one of the most controversial bills passed by the Legislature was the Motor Vehicle Inspection. After visiting with a number of my people that do inspect, the idea of pulling the wheel, it's very expensive, it's a time consuming process for them, it's mandating what we want on them with some kind of a dollar figure support. There has been less then overwhelming enthusiasm for the inspection system to start with. In my judgement, it's not good and in my judgement, we're adding something that's not going to make it any better. I don't know what purpose it's going to serve and I don't like to differ with my good friend Senator Wiltse but I see no real intent or purpose for doing it. I've heard no good arguments. I've heard no discussion in terms of what the inspection bill has done so far. The bill, as I recall, was passed to meet a Federal guideline which is typical and to me and for the life of me, I can't see the objective we're trying to reach now. After talking to a number of people in my district, many of whom are actively engaged in the inspection system, they tell me this will not work and it's going to create additional problems in terms of the inspection law. I'd ask that you kill the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this pulling the wheel doesn't amount to as much as it sounds in here because there are very few automobiles anymore that this is a necessity. I think if you read further into it, it says these wheels will be pulled unless it could be visually inspected without the pulling of the wheel and I think you'll find that most all of them now have the type of brake that can be visually taken care of without the removal of the wheel because of the type of brake that we have on automobiles today and have had on automobiles for some length of time. I think that will take care of that situation.

PRESIDENT: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I would have to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone this bill. I think two things, one, the inspection is necessary. I think there is an awful lot of so called iron on the highways. I think that the present structure of that bill is unfortunate. We are having these inspection people, normally service stations, make this inspection and if there is anything you don't want to hear and that's to have that car run up on a hoist and the first answer you hear is, "well you've got to